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MESSAGE:

Dear Examiner Quinn,
Please see the following regarding our telephone interview for
Application Serial No. 10/585,005.

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Topics for Discussion for Telephone Interview re: Application Serial No. 10/585,005

Dear Examiner Quinn,

For our interview on Wednesday, I would like to discuss independent claims 88, 96, 101 and 103. Claims 88, 96, 101 and 103 are presently rejected as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,856,863 to Colditz et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,336,432 to Wilson and U.S. Patent No. 860,359 to Dudley.

With respect to claims 88 and 96, I would like to discuss the recitation of "an alignment arrangement configured to extend outward from the perimeter of the first endless frame structure." In the Office Action, it appears that this recitation is being broadly interpreted to include prior art structures that extend axially below or above the frame but that do not extend **radially** outward from the frame. It would be helpful to know if our understanding of the rejection is correct, and whether an amendment directed to the alignment arrangement extending radially outward from the from the perimeter of the first endless frame structure would overcome the outstanding rejection.

With respect to claims 101 and 103, I would like to discuss the recitation of "a docking arrangement comprising a pair of flexible belts." Dudley is cited as showing this recitation. However, it appears that Dudley shows a single chain (21) rather than two flexible belts, as recited in claims 101 and 103. It would be helpful to know if we are referring to the correct disclosure in Dudley being cited against claims 101 and 103, and whether our understanding of the rejection is correct.

It is my understanding that you will be calling me on Wednesday at 1PM at (860) 549-5290 ext. 1008.

Thank you and I look forward to speaking with you.

Best regards,
Sergio